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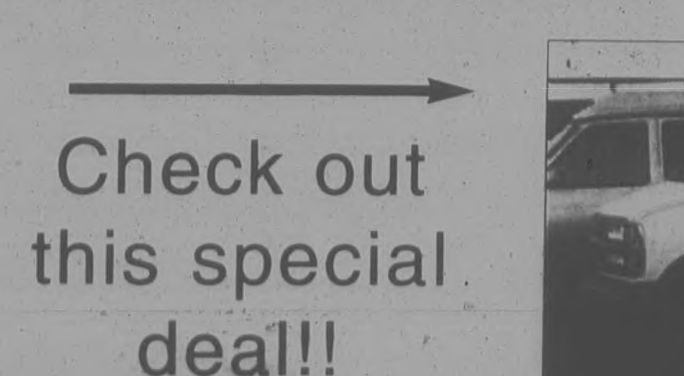
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## Jack Water System becomes victim of criminal mischief and theft

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department actively seeks the assistance of anyone with information concerning the recent unlawful removal of fireplugs in the Jack community.

According to Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates, the department is investigating two separate incidents involving criminal mischief and theft at the Jack Water System which services the Jack and Victoria communities in rural northeast Coffee County.

Moates said each incident involves fireplugs that have been pulled from the ground and taken from Coffee County

roads 207 and 215.

He said the first incident occurred approximately two weeks ago with the second incident occurring late Saturday night, Jan. 5, or early Sunday morning, Jan. 6.

The removal of these fireplugs caused the loss of water service to households in the effected coverage area, as well as, the loss of water supply to poultry houses and livestock.

Also, Moates said the removal of the fireplugs could have caused a serious problem in regards to fire protection services for the area in the event of a fire.

The cost to repair and replace the fireplugs will

exceed \$2,000.

Unfortunately, this is a case where we don't have a good starting point other than the description of a vehicle," said Moates. "Therefore, we need the help of anyone who might have some information con-

cerning these incidents."

At this point he said the department is looking into information concerning a red and white Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck that was seen in the area prior to the second incident.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to contact their local law enforcement agency or the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at (334) 894-5535. Moates added that the department will accommodate anyone

wishing to remain anonymous that does not have an involve-

ment with the incident. A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved.

### During New Brockton Town Council meeting

### Vicky Harrison appointed to serve

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held its regular monthly meeting during the evening of Monday, Jan. 7, and approved the appointment of Vicky Harrison to temporarily serve as a member of the council.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole began the meeting by noting the absence of councilmember Jody Stuckey, who could not attend, and councilmember Roger Harrison, who has taken a leave of absence from his position.

With that in mind, the first matter discussed by the council was the need to appoint a temporary replacement for Harrison during his leave of absence. Cole recommended to the board that it fill the vacancy with Vicky Harrison. The council members seemed to agree with Cole's recommendation, as a motion was made and passed to appoint Vicky Harrison as a

temporary replacement for the District 2 seat of the council.

Immediately following the council's vote, Harrison was sworn into office, and she took her seat alongside her fellow councilmembers.

The absence of R. Harrison also left the council with a need to appoint a temporary Mayor Pro Tem. Again, the mayor made a recommendation to the council that was approved. A motion was made to appoint councilmember Johnnie Heron as the temporary Mayor Pro Tem during R. Harrison's leave of absence.

The focus of the meeting then shifted to Tammy Crosby, a science teacher at New Brockton High School, who addressed the council concerning an upcoming event.

Crosby told council members that March 7-14 will be recognized as Aerospace Week, and she would like for New Brockton to hold an Aerospace Celebration Day on March 8.

"I would like to make this a community event as much as a school event," Crosby said. With that said, she asked the council for any and all help the members could provide in making the event a success by helping locate guests who could visit during the celebration and offer aviation-related knowledge to the students and citizens of New Brockton.

The council also revisited the idea of annexation during the Monday evening meeting with Cole asking the council members if they wanted to go ahead with the project.

"If we don't expand, we are never going to grow," Cole said. During the December meeting, Dr. Linda Ingram recommended that the board reject all bids that were received for the sale of the

buses. The high bid received for the sale of the buses was \$700 and the board members agreed that the figure seemed too low.

However, it was brought to the board members' attention that since the deadline for bids, the Covington County System had offered to purchase the three buses for \$1,000 per bus.

With this offer on the table, the board voted to sell the buses to Covington County for the amount offered.

Ingram then updated board members concerning the purchase of two 60-gallon mixers for the Child Nutrition Program. The mixers were to be used at Zion Chapel and New Brockton.

During an earlier meeting, the

board voted to allow the superintendent to open bids for the mixers and accept the low bid for purchase. Ingram told board members that the low bid for the two mixers came from Bresco of Birmingham in the amount of \$18,040.

In regards to personnel matters, the board approved a leave of absence for Martha Senn, a bus driver at New Brockton.

Next, the board accepted a letter of retirement effective Dec. 14, 2001, from Senn.

A transfer from Kinston to New Brockton was approved for bus driver Donna Davis. The purpose of this transfer was to fill the vacancy at New Brockton created by the retirement of Martha Senn; however,

the board decided not to fill the vacancy at Kinston that the transfer would create. The reasoning was that the route covered by Davis at Kinston was a small one, and the board felt the situation would be better served by consolidating this route with the others already in place at the school.

The board also approved the employment of Teresa Brewer as an alternative education aide at New Brockton High School. The position was previously vacated.

In other business, the board

voted to reject the technology bids due to delivery problems. The matter will be re-bid.

Recognized Dennis Busby, a student at Kinston High School, as a national spokesperson for the Young Farmers Association. He is one of only a few from the State of Alabama to ever receive this honor.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

Reportedly there are several local people already feeling guilty about failing to keep their New Year's resolutions. The habit of making (and breaking) such promises is not new. Our second U.S. president, John Adams, recorded the following resolution in his diary on July 21st: "I am resolved to rise with the sun and to study Scriptures on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. Noon and night I intend to read English authors." Did he keep his self-imposed promise? The very next morning, instead of "rising with the sun" the future president slept until seven a.m.

It was always hard for us to keep the Adams' of history straight. This is of course a common name and several different Adams were involved in our early history at the same time (i.e. cousins John and Samuel) along with other cousins and in-laws. In addition there was the father (also John) of John Adams, who served as president following George Washington. Like the modern day George Bush's there was the first President John Adams, his son (also president) John Quincy Adams, his grandson John Adams. This list of John Adams continues even today. Therefore our getting the names and historical contributions all confused during a time when girls, V-8 engines, squirrel hunting and playing ball seemed far more important is understandable, if not forgivable.

It is time for the Alabama Legislature to meet in their regular session for 2002. Alabama voters can expect a lot of promises, ideas, etc. to come off Goat Hill during this, an election year, but little else. One item that hopefully will not get a lot of serious attention is a thus far "whispered" teacher pay raise proposal. We "ain't" knocking the teachers, nor their needs, just trying to be a realist. 1: The state and nation are in a recession. 2: The Alabama Legislature just completed a special session to bail out the existing education budget and hopefully prevent a second year of prostration. 3: A pay raise now would require additional taxing OR a lot of explaining to justify (impossible task) exactly why the special session and just approved new telephone tax were needed.

The Secret Service man that was jumped from a flight to Texas is complaining of mistreatment. This type action and reaction are predictable. With young men of Middle East descent continuing to exhibit efforts to kill themselves and all around them, it is natural for us to be upset. This secret service guy should know this better than any one! It makes us personally feel more secure knowing the airlines are erring on the side of caution, rather than saying to the public "Oops, that was a bad guy but we didn't want to hurt feelings." Last weekend we flashed a credit card to pay for some business purchases. The clerk asked for driver's licenses to confirm the name on the credit card. It caught us by surprise because this rarely happens, but we smiled and complied. Our position is that an honest person should not be offended. In fact should be thankful that someone is going the extra mile to protect the named card holder as well as the company he or she works with. In the case of the airline, we want them to stop us AND anyone else they have questions about and it needs to be done BEFORE this bad person has a chance to do his harm.

Football fans are either crying or celebrating over the surprise announcement last week that Florida Gator football coach Steve Spurrier had resigned. This guy took no prisoners and left not a single fan in the middle of the road. He was either loved or hated. Well, almost hated. Personally we didn't like his personality as presented publicly, but had, and continue to have, great respect for his great coaching ability. Any young man who had the chance to play football under Spurrier was a better ball player when his college career ended than when it started. That is if the youngster wanted to be better and would listen to his head coach. Several Florida quarterbacks left college as super heroes but each would have been another ex-convict with lots of war stories to tell his children and drinking buddies.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of December 28, 2001 through January 6, 2002. They were: Betty Adkinson, April Skipper, Louise Miller, Jessie Shultz, Brenda Arnett, Willie Chism, Willard Martin, Thomas Spivey, Winnie James, Ben Sanders, Henry Eiland, Chris Johnson, Pettie Wambles, Shirley Hopkins, Susan Bell, Rebecca Aldridge, William Hodge, Sara Mitchell, Jimmy Lindsey, Gloria Parker, Wade McWaters, Erick Coates, Mamie McWaters, Melanie Senn, Mattie Yarn, Milton Hooks and Marilyn Byrd. Persons discharged during the same time period were: April Skipper, Betty Adkinson, Betty Goodwin, L.M. Burch, Wilson Cole, Fannie Brooks, Louise Miller, Willie Chism, Jessie Shultz, Willard Martin, Ben Sanders, Brenda Arnett, Susan Bell, Katherine White, Thomas Spivey, Pettie Wambles, Shirley Hopkins, Willie James, Melanie Senn, William Hodge, Chris Johnson, Sara Mitchell, Rebecca Aldridge, O'Neil Coon, Henry Eiland, Erick Coates, Jimmy Lindsey and Mamie McWaters.

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## President George W. Bush defines his presidency

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Nearly one year ago, our 43rd President took the oath of office on the West Front of the United States Capitol. Standing behind the Presidential platform, I recall the ocean of faces, which despite a cold rain, shone full of hope and enthusiasm for a new President who pledged to restore honor to the White House.

Today, the world is much changed since that chilly January day of 12 months past, yet our new President has already lived up to the promise of positive new leadership in ways none of us could have imagined. His presidency called into question by some since before its beginning, has been defined by a leadership with a remarkable ability to unify the nation in the face of adversity.

President George W. Bush reached out to the public and to Congress as soon as he was sworn in to office. With very little time to prepare, he assembled a strong, capable White House team and, working with Congress, quickly made history by passing the largest tax reduction in a generation. He eased the U.S. House in March and was approved by the full Congress in May.

Interestingly, weeks before President Bush approached his first 100 days in office, the national and Washington media were already lamenting over the lack of excitement, translation, lack of scandal from the new White House, rather than recognizing the President's ability to marshal support for his key programs. Their boredom would be

fleeting, however, as world powers and terrorists would soon test the mettle of American resolve.

Our new Commander-in-Chief had been on the job barely two-and-a-half months before being faced with a major international incident with communist China. The Red Chinese captured an American EP-3 surveillance aircraft and crew which had been forced to land on Chinese soil after being rammed in mid-air by a communist Chinese fighter jet. Our military personnel were held hostage by the communists while they combed the plane for American secrets. In the face of this major test, President Bush stood tall and resolute, as did the brave EP-3 crew. The Chinese released our men and women in uniform 12 days later, and the plane was eventually returned to the United States. American honor and lives were spared in this test of our strength, and President Bush deserves much of the credit.

Knowing that peace comes through strength, the Bush White House was quick to pitch for a \$19 billion increase in defense spending to stop the hemorrhaging of our national military forces, neglected by eight years of short-sightedness by the Clinton-Gore Administration. Our men and women in uniform are getting better housing, pay raises, and adequate ammunition and high tech weapons to defend us with less risk to themselves.

Then, the events of September 11, 2001 changed our lives forever. As thousands of civilians perished that fateful morning, our nation quickly responded to contain the terrorist threat and seek out the cul-

prits and punish them. In the four months that have followed, to the astonishment of his naysayers, President Bush has directed a productive military campaign to stop the terrorist forces in Afghanistan and place their leadership on the run - all before winter settled into that remote, mountainous land.

While the war against terror-

ism is by no means over, and the battle to turn around the sluggish American economy remains in full force, President Bush has shown that he is up to the job. Judging by the national opinion polls, the American people agree. To be sure, the President deserves our continued support in the new year as difficult challenges lie yet ahead for our nation.

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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, January 8, 2002, investigated the following incidents. Two for assault, one for harassment, two for criminal mischief, three for domestic violence, one for disorderly conduct, four for theft of property, two for forgery, one criminal trespass, one unlawful entry of a vehicle, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, two for burglary.

The following arrests were made: one for disorderly conduct, two for domestic violence, two for possession of marijuana, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for harassment and three for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for no driver's license, one for driver's license revoked, one for an expired tag, one for no tag displayed, one for driver's license suspended, one for violation of the noise ordinance, one for improper passing, two

for violation of the seat belt law and five for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1** - Domestic disturbance reported at residence on the west side of the First Baptist Church (4:51 a.m.). River stage - 5.52 feet (6:55 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a field/woods fire behind Smith Auto on Hwy. 84 (5:04 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2** - River stage - 6.51 feet (6:44 a.m.). Domestic disturbance in progress reported at 1103 Burks Trailer Court (7:08 p.m.). Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3** - River stage - 6.62 feet (7:01 a.m.). Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4** - Alarm activated at Bradley's Florist (2:45 a.m.). Alarm activated at Bradley's Florist (5:46 a.m.). River stage - 6.83 feet (6:49 a.m.). Disturbance reported at 1403 Smith Ave. (8:17 a.m.). Alarm activated at 1289 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:02 p.m.). Alarm activated at NASCO (3:59 p.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to 647 Claxton Ave. (10:17 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5** - River stage - 6.85 feet (7:37 a.m.). Alarm activated at Kelley Foods Building A (2:13 p.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a possible gas leak at 891 East Davis St. (6:22 p.m.). Possible breaking and entering reported at 1036 Hickman Ave. (7:19 p.m.). Disturbance reported at 209 Plant Ave. (8:02 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 155 Larkin Rd. (8:37 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Riviera Motel (10:52 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2058 Hwy. 166 (5:38 a.m.). River stage - 6.85 feet (6:05 a.m.). Routine activity.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Cox:

Elba City Schools will join school systems throughout the state to salute their local education leaders during Alabama's ninth annual School Board Member Recognition Month in January.

The commemorative month is designed to recognize the contributions made by Alabama's board members - more than 780 local school board members, including the five members of the Elba City Board of Education, who are charged with governing public education under state law.

Alabama school board members are chosen by their communities through election or appointment to manage local schools. They oversee multi-

million-dollar budgets, which fund education programs for more than 730,000 students in 1,445 schools. Their personnel decisions affect 48,000 teachers, 3,100 administrators and 38,000 support workers.

These volunteer leaders also are responsible for formulating school system policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Our deepest appreciation is

extended to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education in our community. We salute the public servants of the Elba City School system whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible: Daniel Stephens, Lance Dyess, Valerie McGuire, Aubrey Williams, and Bill Brunson.

Please join us by saying "thanks" to our school board members during Alabama's seventh School Board Member Recognition Month. Sincerely, Danny W. Weeks, Superintendent Elba City Schools

## TOWN

(Continued from Page One)

ing, the council voted to rescind the annexation resolution already advertised. Several local citizens attended that meeting and expressed their concerns for the project.

Councilmember Ronald McMonagle offered the idea Monday evening of holding a town meeting before making a decision concerning the future of the project. He said he would like to offer the people an opportunity to express their views (pro or con) before the council makes a decision concerning the annexation project in New Brockton.

As the council continued to discuss the matter, the mayor said his intent at this point was to know the position of the council in that he wanted them

to decide whether or not to pursue the matter any further.

Therefore, McMonagle made a motion to continue to pursue the annexation process with caution. His motion also called for the council to consider the views of the citizens before making any type of proposal to the legislature. The motion received a second by councilmember Ricky Strickland and was approved by a unanimous vote.

In other business, the council:

• Approved a request to send Police Chief Jerry Gilbert to a conference in Montgomery on Feb. 13-15.

• Rescheduled the monthly working group meeting to Monday, Jan. 28, instead of

Monday, Jan. 21. The town offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

• Received a reminder that the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Walk will be held Monday, Jan. 21, beginning at 9 a.m. at the old bus stop and continuing through town to Springfield Baptist Church where activities will be held throughout the day.

• Asked Vicki Harrison to also serve on the recreation board and water and electric board during the absence of Roger Harrison.

The next meeting of the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

## Enterprise State offers bold new training option

Enterprise State Junior College now offers a certificate program for a bold new career in geographic information systems (GIS).

Basically, this technology involves creating digital geographical maps. It involves a computer system that assembles, stores, manipulates, and displays geographically related information such as mapping of water and electrical lines, water cutoff valves, sewage access valves and lines, drain inlets, as well as the more obvious locations of manholes, stop signs, and traffic lights.

The American people recently became more aware of the Global Positioning System (GPS), because of the national advertisements for Hertz rental cars with the devices installed that give drivers directions and the popular OnStar systems.

Simply, GIS/GPS covers such results as tracking an endangered species, using satellites, opening a car door when the keys are accidentally locked inside, determining the quickest emergency evacuation route, locating potential flood plains, or being able to tell a golfer how far he or she is from the pin.

Since 1993, over 100 different companies and junior colleges in the nation have instituted GIS/GPS programs, generally as part of their geography programs. Students may enter the career field with a certificate from Enterprise State Junior College or transfer on to a four-year institution. Both options have excellent employment opportunities.

The advantage of going through the certificate program at ESJC is that two-year colleges are noted for quickly adapting to the changes in the GIS/GPS technology and the industry/government needs while providing students with the combination of experience and classroom theory. Regardless, average salaries of GIS professionals in Alabama top \$45,000 and like most high-tech fields, the industry is crying for qualified men and women.

The GIS/GPS certificate program at ESJC requires 20 college credit hours of courses spanning a two-to-three-semester period if you attend full-time. The courses include 8 hours in geography and computer courses in addition to 12

hours in GIS/GPS courses.

This Spring Semester offers Introduction to Geographical Information Systems Technology. This is an introductory course which focuses on maps and map analysis along with an introduction to computers. Along with this course, one of the computer courses, ArcView will be offered.

To be a part of this program, admission to ESJC is required first. The procedure is simple: follow the directions at the website at [www.esjc.edu/alus](http://www.esjc.edu/alus), in the most recent class schedule, or call the Admissions Office at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234 at the main campus or 334-598-3438 at the Ft. Rucker campus.

Whatever you did and the words of support you spoke were noticed and appreciated very much.

It is such a comfort to have wonderful family and friends at a time like this.

Edna Smart  
Larry, Sandra and  
Misty Smart

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## Obituaries

**SUSAN D. BELL**  
Mrs. Susan D. Bell, age 91, of 987 Drayton Ave., Elba, Ala., died Jan. 1, 2002, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Graveside services and burial were held Jan. 2, 2002 at the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Rev. Alfred Iker officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Bell was preceded in death by a grandson, Andy Bullard of Elba.

Survivors include her husband, Curbie J. Bell, Elba, one daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Bill Bullard, Elba, one son and daughter-in-law, Gene and

Pauline Bell, Troy; one sister, Lillian Green, Troy; one brother, Hawgood Daughtry, Troy; one granddaughter, Lisa Boutwell, Elba; and one great-grandson, Lee Boutwell, Elba.

**HARVEY ALBERT GULLION**

Mr. Harvey Albert Gullion, age 48, of Kinston, Ala., died Jan. 4, 2002 in Opp, Ala.

Graveside services and burial were held Jan. 8, 2002 at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Scott Bruner officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Gullion, Kinston; one son, Harley Gullion, Kinston; one stepdaughter, Jennifer Ramirez, Samson; two grandsons, Gabriel Ramirez, both of Samson; one brother, Ed Gullion, Elba; and one sister, Peggy Hugh, Elba.

**OCIE L. HORNSBY**

Mr. Ocie L. Hornsby, age 92, of New Brockton, died Dec. 29, 2001 at the home of a son in Dothan after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Dec. 31, 2001 from the Elba Baptist Assembly of God Church with Rev. Billy Cardwell, Rev. Mike Taylor and Rev. Jim Smith officiating. Burial followed at New Brockton City Cemetery with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Moseley Hornsby, one daughter, Linda Grantham (Wayne), Elba, Ala.; two sons, Lamar Hornsby (Linda),

Dothan, Jimmy H. Hornsby, Panama City, Fla.; two sisters, Louise Hagler and Murle Bass, both of Haines City, Fla.; three brothers, Luel J. Hornsby, Brundidge, Edward Hornsby, New Brockton, Waylon Hornsby, Phenix City, Ala.; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**LESTER LANGSTON**

Deacon Lester Langston, age 95, died Dec. 21, 2001.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 2001 with H.H. Rawls officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie White Langston; two sons, Louis Herman (Jessie), Saginaw, Mich.; James Edward Langston, Albuquerque, N.M.; three daughters, Myrtle (Doss) Heron, Chicago, Ill.; Juanita (Lamar) Goosby and Evelyn Boddie, both of New Brockton; three sisters: Ada White, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Myrtle Crooms, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Trude Lee, Newark, N.J.; 22 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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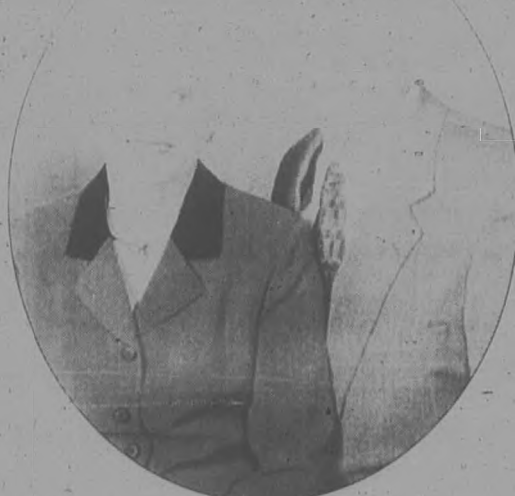
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Sen. Shelby plans to address Coffee County residents at meeting in Elba on Jan. 21st

U.S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.) will address residents of Coffee County at an open county meeting on Monday, Jan. 21, at 4:30 p.m. at The National Security Conference Center, 661 East Davis Street, in Elba.



Sen. Shelby will discuss his legislative agenda for the remainder of the 107th Congress as well

as important issues facing the nation and the State of Alabama. Following his remarks, Sen. Shelby will open the floor to questions and comments from those in attendance. Sen. Shelby said, "Over the years, these county meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for area residents to listen and voice their opinions on the

activities of our government. This will be a great chance to discuss the important issues facing our state and our nation as we move forward in the Congressional session." Sen. Shelby has held over 1,000 county meetings since being elected to serve the State of Alabama. As part of a commitment to Alabamians, Sen. Shelby holds a county meeting in each county once a year. All local citizens are encouraged to attend this event.

## Top number is key in blood pressure control

For middle-aged and older Americans, there's new advice about blood pressure from the National High Blood Pressure Education Program (NHBPEP). Focus on the systolic pressure or top number in a blood pressure reading. This number is the key to preventing, diagnosing, and treating high blood pressure in this population. Why all the fuss about systolic? Research has shown that lowering systolic blood pressure in older people can reduce stroke by 37 percent and heart failure by 55 percent. Treating systolic can also prevent kidney damage. So you and your doctor can learn more about high blood pressure, especially systolic, the NHBPEP is launching a new, "hands on" Web site at <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov>. You'll

use a mouse to look inside the body and "see" that systolic blood pressure is the pumping pressure of the heart as it beats. You'll learn that systolic pressure increases with age while the diastolic or lower number increases until about age 55 and then goes down. You'll also find out about isolated systolic hypertension, in which there is only a high systolic pressure. This type affects 65 percent of older people with high blood pressure. Visit the Web site and get to know several characters, their risk factors for heart disease, and treatment plan. Take a character's blood pressure and decide whether it's too high. Systolic pressure is high if it is 140 mm Hg or above. Get quizzed about heart-healthy



**HEAT PRACTICE**...Members of the Heat practice for the upcoming season with the Elba Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball league. The Heat will have their first game on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 9 a.m. against the Hornets. The Heat is a Boys 8 and Under team and team members include: De'Quan Mitchell, Thomas Cole, Jeffery Wright, Kysan Edwards, Fischer Crowell, Waylon Craighead, Joey Orr, Malik Smith, J'Quenton Truitt, Seth Hanchey, Daniel Bannin, Guy Mitchell and Shaquille Agee.



**YOUTH BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS**...The Elba Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball season began Monday, Jan. 7, with two matches being held at the Elba Recreation Center. The first match showcased the Bulls (Boys 10 and Under) as they took on Opp. Above, Bull team members Bradley Wilson (left) and Michael Spurlin practice passing the ball before the game. The youth basketball season will continue through Saturday, Feb. 16, with games being held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. Be sure to keep up with the action in The Elba Clipper as the season rolls along.

## Volunteers sought to assist with project to preserve documents

Volunteers are sought to assist in a project to preserve Coffee County government documents of a historical and genealogical value. The targets are loose paper now stored in several locations but as yet not in a permanent manner. Charles E. Box of Newton, local coordinator for the project, said an organizational meeting of volunteers will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 15, in a room in the county agricultural complex in New Brockton. Lyn Frazier of the staff of the Alabama Department of Archives and History will be present to provide guidance and training for the group. The county project was delayed earlier this year as efforts were made to broaden

## NOTICE:

The Elba Athletic Club meets on the first and third Monday of each month. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is held in the boy's locker room at Elba High School.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Computer graphics mixed with graphic arts equals a great career

The computer graphics program at Enterprise State Junior College offers two career directions for students in this burgeoning industry. The job outlook is good for both areas of graphic design and computer art.

While both areas are similar, and students take some of the same courses, the two are still different.

First, graphic designers manipulate and create images and text. Their finished work is typically the "printed page" such as magazines, greeting cards, or business cards, but today graphic designers also work with internet-based imagery and text.

In a large firm, designers often work on a staff in a team environment with an art director, illustrator, and photographer. In a smaller company the graphic designer may actually

be all three: photographer, illustrator, and director.

In school a graphic design major will study typography, two-dimensional composition, drawing, life drawing, printing techniques, art history, and the various computer-based courses in practical applications.

Second, computer artists generally work in two- and three-dimensional animation such as the opening credits for the local news, computer-generated special effects for movies, and video games. They often work as graphic designers, manipulating text and imagery for computer-based training and multimedia projects, and they work with a team of other designers, illustrators, and photographers.

In school a computer artist will study two- and three-dimensional composition, life drawing, design/layout, traditional storyboarding for animation, web design, programming, photography, video, art history, and practical applications.

This Spring Semester offers Art Appreciation, Drawing I, Photography I, Introduction to Computer Graphics, and Computer Graphics I & II. For more information about these courses or the program of study, call Leslie Gibson at 334-993-ESIC, ext. 255.

To be a part of this program, admission to ESIC is required first. The procedure is simple: follow the directions at the website at [www.esiccc.edu](http://www.esiccc.edu) in the most recent class schedule, or call the Admissions Office at 334-993-ESIC, ext. 255 at the main campus or 334-595-3438 at the Ft. Rucker campus. Registration is underway now; spring semester classes begin January 7.

## New officers for Sons of the American Revolution to be sworn in

Phil Rod Hildreth of Little River, the current National Trustee of the Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, will swear new officers of the local Wiregrass Chapter on January 17 at 11:30 a.m. in one of the meeting rooms in Ryan's restaurant in Enterprise.

Also expected to attend the event is Maj. O. Lee Swart (USA Ret.), who currently serves on the Executive Committee of the National Society in Louisville, Ky. Both are past presidents of the Alabama Society and supported the organization of the Wiregrass Chapter when it formed nearly a decade ago. The new officers to take

office are: James D. Lee of Ozark, president; Bruce H. Taylor of Enterprise, vice president; John Ray Fuller of Enterprise, secretary; Louis D. Kline of Ozark, treasurer; Roy Everage, chaplain; T. Wilson Luck, historian; and Richard A. Kump, registrar. All three are from Enterprise. The luncheon is a Dutch treat event.

## Coffee County Arts Alliance to present Hotlanta Dixieland Jazz

Coffee County Arts Alliance will be presenting their 4th event for this season-Hotlanta Dixieland Jazz, Friday, January 11, 2002 at 7:30 P.M., in the Elba High School Auditorium, at Elba. The group will present a lot of music and fun!

Hotlanta takes you back to New Orleans during the early decades of the 20th century. There will be a lot of joy, energy and humor of that early American Jazz called Dixieland experienced. Songs from Fats Waller, Hoagy Carmichael, Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, plus old favorites like "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Royal Garden Blues," "South," "Hard Hearted Hannah," and "When the Saints Go Marching In" are all parts of Hotlanta's musical treat. Based on Atlanta, the group has performed extensively throughout the South and mid-west since its founding by Don

Erdman in 1990. Hotlanta's music has also been enjoyed at clubs and jazz festivals in Europe, the Far East, Middle East and Russia.

Tickets may be purchased at The Jewel Box in Elba, David's Westgate Beauty Salon, The Framery, or Plain'n Fancy Gift Shop - Enterprise, ITR Office at Ft. Rucker, Northcutts on Main. For more information call 406-1617 or 393-2797 Dothan.

## Benefit Sing planned for Saturday Night at Piney Grove Baptist Church

A Benefit Sing will be held Saturday Night, January 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Piney Grove Baptist Church. Grove invites everyone to Brandy Brannon, Rev. John Lawrence, minister at Piney

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# SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I know that the kids enjoyed the long holiday vacation, but this was one Dad that was happy when school opened back up so that at least one huge in Elba could settle back down to near-normalcy. It seemed like the girls stayed up late and slept until noon every day except Christmas, and when they were awake they were either eating or taking a shower before heading out to find something to do. I took a week off to be at home with the family, but most of the time it was just me and Mom watching the girls come and go, and seeing who they brought home to spend the night. Heck, I should have saved my vacation until after the holidays.

### DUSTING OFF THE DESK....

\*\*\* The Elba Tiger football program received some well deserved honors recently when Gavin Mauldin and Coach Mike Waters were singled out for their outstanding work during the 2001 season. Mauldin was named to The Dothan Eagle's "Super 12" team in Class 3A-6A, and also earned "All-State" honors in the Alabama Sports Writers poll, while Coach Waters was named the "Coach of the Year" by The Dothan Eagle in the 3A-6A ranks. Mauldin was a big factor in the Tigers' return to dominance in the 3A ranks last season, and was no doubt an all-state performer both as a player and a leader. The 6-6 senior was a dominating force both on offense and defense, and set an example for future players with his work ethic and dedication to the sport. Coach Waters will tell you that he had little to do with the Tigers' turnaround last season. However, the first-year Tiger head coach showed everyone involved with the Elba football program that he was a tireless worker and his positive attitude and work ethic was contagious. After watching the Tigers struggle through five straight losing seasons there were many that wondered out loud if Coach Waters was the man for the job when he was named Elba's fourth head coach in seven years. He answered those questions long ago, and now the future looks bright, once again.

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers jumped into the area race in basketball last week and survived two overtime games to bring their winning streak to nine games and up their record to 9-1 on the season. The Tigers came back from their long holiday break on Tuesday night to claim an impressive road win over Pike County, and struggled on Friday night before escaping with a narrow one-point win at home over a very scrappy team from Luverne. Hopefully, the overtime wins last week will wake up the Tigers and let them know that even if they do own a 9-1 record they can get beat any time they take the court. I agree that this year's team is one of Elba's best in years and has the potential to do some big things, but I also remember back to last season when Elba got off to a fast 8-3 start and then went 4-8 down the stretch to finish the season with a disappointing 12-11 record. Improvement will be the key for the Tigers in weeks to come, not just wins, and that will come from hard work and dedication.

\*\*\* The Kinston Bulldogs, New Brockton Gamecocks and New Brockton Lady Gamecocks all brought home some silverware from last week's Red Level Holiday Classic, and the success in the tournament made their fans hopeful that the best was yet to come for the 2001-2002 season. The Bulldogs claimed two wins in three games to bring home consolation honors, and battled a very talented T.R. Miller team on even terms in their only loss. Kinston isn't filled with super stars, but it does have ten players that hustle and give it everything they have for four quarters, and I am convinced that the Bulldogs will be a team to keep an eye on as the season heads down the home stretch. The Gamecocks have struggled since the season tipped off, but they did get a big win over Florala in the tournament and led county-rival Kinston for three quarters before falling in the consolation game. New Brockton is much better than many people realize, and if the Gamecock players will realize how good they can be, they could get their share of wins before the season ends. The Lady Gamecocks claimed impressive wins over Opp and Red Level before falling to T.R. Miller in the finals, and brought home the runner-up trophy from the tournament in the girls division. New Brockton didn't really play four good quarters in any of its three games. However, the Lady Gamecocks did discover that they can play with any team on their schedule, and can definitely get better.

\*\*\* The Dothan Progress/Dothan Eagle tournament was also held last week and the annual high school event packed the Dothan Civic Center on two of the five nights the tournament was held. The crowd was so big on the opening night that over 1,000 fans were turned away by the fire marshal, but the fans kept coming and it was reported that the total gate was over \$30,000, with all proceeds to be split among the teams participating. I guess the biggest news in the tournament was that Randolph Clay, the five-time defending champ, was eliminated in the opening round by Abbeville. The team from Georgia had dominated the tournament for years, and the guess here is that since they are no longer the defending champs, Randolph Clay will find itself on the outside looking in when the field is announced next year.

\*\*\* I took a look at the program for the Progress tournament and was surprised to see that Elba's own Bennie Daniels held the record for most points scored in a tournament game with 43, in a loss to Dothan back in 1990. Daniels is also seventh with a 32-point performance the same year against Ashford, while Elba owns a 1-5 overall record in the event, the same as New Brockton. Maybe one day the Tigers will make a return to the tournament and share in some of the wealth that the other teams have enjoyed for the past decade.

\*\*\* For the second time in three years, violence put an end to a holiday high school basketball tournament hosted by Talladega High School. Back in 1999 the tournament was canceled when a young Alpine man was shot in the leg in the Talladega High School parking lot, while this season the tournament was stopped after a fight broke out in the stands and outside the school. The most recent problems started after a fan refused to remove head gear that was against school policy and an altercation occurred involving police and the scene. It was reported that scuffles broke out in the stands and that pepper spray was used by one fan near the scene. The pepper spray resulted in the game underway having to be stopped due to reported eye irritations of players and fans. Mace was used by police outside the gym after a large crowd gathered, and reinforcements were called in from Talladega, Sylacauga and Childersburg police departments, the Talladega County Sheriff's Department and the Alabama State Troopers. A Sheriff's Department squad car was damaged during the action outside, and seven people were arrested. The Talladega High coach said the incident unfairly gives the sport and his team a bad reputation. I don't know about that, but after two incidents in three years, it is time for someone to take a long look at what happened and to find an answer before some fan gets killed.

\*\*\* In closing...what if? Back several years ago Kentucky basketball coach Rick Pitino left the college coaching ranks to enter the pros, but found the pro players no fun to handle and returned to coach at Louisville, where he replaced an aging legend in Denny Crum. The fact that Louisville was Kentucky's most hated rival made Pitino an immediate enemy to Wildcat fans. Last week Florida football coach Steve Spurrier left the college ranks to head for the pros. Fast forward a few years...Spurrier gets tired of coaching a bunch of overpaid pro players and returns to college to replace aging legend Bobby Bowden at Florida State. Hey, it would be fun to watch!

## Tigers slip past Luverne 61-60 in overtime thriller

The Elba Tigers ran their winning streak to nine games and improved their area record to 2-0 Friday night with an exciting 61-60 overtime win over the Luverne Tigers in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 9-1 on the season, while Luverne slipped to 2-4. The Tigers had a hard time finding the basket early in the game and trailed 10-7 after one quarter, but settled down in the second stanza and by the end of the half had cut the Luverne lead to 28-23. The two Elbas swapped baskets throughout the third quarter as Luverne carried a slim 39-37 advantage into the fourth quarter, and the Tigers were never able to catch up until the closing seconds of the game.

When Marcus Henderson drilled a long three pointer from deep in the corner to pull Elba even at 58-58, and send the game into overtime.

Luverne scored first in the extra period to regain the lead at 60-58. However, Elba's Brandon Wade nailed a three pointer to put the Tigers ahead 61-60, and Elba then managed to run out the clock to hold on and sneak out with the 61-60 win.

John Mitchell scored 22.

## Lady Tigers claim area win over Luverne 53-32

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead in the second quarter and then pulled away in the second half to pound Luverne 53-32, Friday night in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 6-4, 1-1 in area play. The Lady Tigers started slow and were tied at 9-9 after one stanza, but began to pick up the pace in the second stanza and by the end of the half owned a 20-15 lead. Luverne countered in the third quarter, but Elba then picked up the pace and extended its lead to 38-25, then put the game away early in the final stanza and rolled to the 53-32 win.

Luverne (53): Bludsworth 14, Lawford 3, Proctor 18, Mack 8, Daniels 5, Tyson 6. Elba (32): West 2, Barber 8, Richardson 2, Morrow 4, Vardaro 3, Griffin 9.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 5-4, 0-1 in area play, while Pike County improved to 3-3 with the win.

The Lady Tigers got off to a slow start and trailed 6-4 after one quarter, and continued to struggle offensively in the second and third quarters as Pike County extended its lead to 30-22 heading into the final stanza. The Lady Tigers picked up the pace on the offensive end in the fourth quarter. However, the Lady Bulldogs also picked up

the pace and never looked back as they handed Elba the 50-41 defeat.

Rachel Bludsworth scored 14 points and Laguna Mack added 9 to lead Elba, while Rodgers led Pike County with 24 points.

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Elba's Bart Barnes (12) dribbles up court during a recent Tiger win. Elba will host Calhoun Friday night with the lead in the Class 3A, Area 2 standings on the line. Tip-off for the varsity game will be 7:30 PM.

## Elba gets big area win over Pike County 66-59

The Elba Tigers opened area play Tuesday night in Brundidge and escaped with a wild 66-59 overtime win over the Pike County Bulldogs.

The win upped Elba's record to 8-1, 1-0 in area play, while the loss left Pike County with a 1-5 slate, 0-1 in area action.

The Tigers came out ready to play against the Bulldogs and slowly pulled ahead to open up a 15-12 advantage by the end of the opening stanza. Elba remained in command in the second quarter and went in at the half with a 31-22 advantage, but saw the Bulldogs begin to wake up in the third quarter and saw their lead cut to 44-39 heading into the final stanza. Pike County scored late and opened up a 55-17 advantage by the end of the third stanza. Elba staged a rally in the final stanza and poured in 18 points, but it was too little, too late, as Pike County held on for the 49-35 win.

Justin Allen scored 10 points and Matthew Curran added 9 to lead Elba, while Still led Pike County with 12 points.

John Mitchell scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Quinton Gavin and Marcus Henderson both added 16 points. Nick Walker and Michael Walker led Pike County with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

## Elba Lady Tigers upset by Pike County 50-41

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# SPORTS

## Also named to "Super 12" squad

## Gavin Mauldin named 3A All-State

Post-season honors are now being passed out for the state's top high school football players, and included among those honored on two prestigious lists is Elba Tiger standout Gavin Mauldin.

Mauldin, a 6-6, 275-pound, senior, was named to The Dothan Eagle's "Super 12" team for players in Class 3A-6A, and was also a first team "All-State" selection by the Alabama Sports Writers Association.

By The Dothan Eagle

## Mike Waters named 3A-6A Coach of the Year

The Dothan Eagle announced its annual "Super 12" high school football teams over the holidays, and earning the honor as the Class 3A-6A "Coach of the Year" was Elba Tiger head coach Mike Waters.

Waters, an assistant on the Elba staff for three years, took over the reins of the Tigers prior to the season and guided the Tigers to a 7-5 record and a second round appearance in the Class 3A state playoffs.

Waters, who has coached the Tigers under three different head coaches prior to the 2001 turnaround, but rallied around Waters and returned the Tigers to their winning ways of the past.

"When I came to Elba as an assistant coach I knew that Elba High School had a rich football tradition and that the community was supportive of the school and the entire athletic program," said Waters. "The football players struggled to only five wins the three years I was an assistant. However, I believed there was potential here and jumped at the chance."

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Mauldin was a mainstay for the Tigers during the 2001 season and anchored Elba from his tackle position on both offense and defense. The talented Tiger graded 85 percent on every game on offense, while recording 30 pancake blocks. On defense, Mauldin made 47 tackles and 13 assists.

"If there is anyone in the state that deserves to be honored it's Gavin Mauldin," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters. "Gavin had an advantage over

many of his opponents because of his size, but his size was not the main factor in his becoming an all-state football player. It was his work ethic, dedication and determination that helped make him a standout high school football player and a leader on and off the field. No one in our program worked any harder over the off-season to get stronger and faster than Gavin, and he wanted to play every single down in every single game. He was slowed a bit

late in the season by a couple of nagging injuries. However, he never once complained, and never asked to come out of a game. It was an honor to coach a young man like Gavin Mauldin, and it was because of players like him that the Elba High football program began its turnaround last season."

Mauldin is being recruited by Southern Mississippi and UAB, but has yet to announce his college plans.

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**HARD AT WORK**...Several students of the agriculture department at Enterprise High School were in Elba last Friday afternoon, Jan. 11, and Saturday morning, Jan. 12, volunteering their time to help with the construction of the second home to be built by Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County. The students were busy digging the footing of the home, and Mike Harrelson, the agriculture instructor at Enterprise, said several of his classes are planning to help with the construction of the home throughout the project. Also, he said one class is planning to build cabinets for the home. Anyone else interested in volunteering to help with the project is encouraged to do so by contacting Daniel Stephens, Jim Nichols (both in Elba), Charles Oliver or Billy Cotter (both in Enterprise).

#### During Coffee County Commission meeting

### Issue tabled concerning senior citizen center grant applications

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission appeared to be completing its meeting agenda within record time Monday morning, Jan. 14, however, a difference of opinion concerning future building projects for senior citizen centers halted the fast pace.

Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion for the county to apply for a \$250,000 grant with matching funds to come from the county for the construction of two new senior citizen centers. His motion indicated that the centers would be built in the Mount Pleasant community and the two community. Stephens said the grant money could be divided for the two centers.

His motion received a second, however, a lengthy discussion

began as the floor was opened for comments from commissioners.

"I believe we already have a motion for the Mount Pleasant center," said Commissioner Doug Dalrymple, who represents district four of Coffee County. "We should leave it as it is."

Dalrymple was referring to a motion approved by the commission last spring to apply for a grant to build a senior citizens center in the Mount Pleasant community.

In response, Stephens said he did not want to take anything away from Commissioner Dalrymple or the area in which he represents, but he said it was his understanding that it would be easier to get approval for the grant if the county applied for the funds for more than one center at the time. Also, he said in

this case, the county would only have to come up with its matching funds once.

"I would rather use the money in one center that services all the citizens of district four rather than trying to run two or three centers," Dalrymple said. "If I wanted to divide the money, I would do it in district four."

Commissioner Bernest Brooks said he could understand the points each of the commissioners was making, but he did not want to see the commissioners start arguing over money when the county is well represented and

taken care of by its legislators. "No one is more for the centers than me," said Commissioner Rayo Lewis. "But, I think we need to be real careful about building too many centers and then losing them all when we can't afford to pay for them."

With that said, Lewis made a motion with a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook to table the motion made by Stephens in order to give the commission more time to

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### Elba Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks speaks to Lions Club members

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks spoke to the Elba Lions Club during its Tuesday, Jan. 8, meeting, and he took the opportunity not only to explain some of the problems educators have been facing over the past couple of years but also to highlight some good things that are taking place in the Elba School System.

"I have been in education for 23 years," Weeks said. "If you don't enjoy working with kids on a daily basis, you don't need to be in education."

He said working with the students is one of the things he has enjoyed most about his years in the profession, but since taking the helm as superintendent of the Elba system he has learned there are many problems to face.

The biggest problem the superintendent said education has faced over the past couple of years is school funding. At Elba, Weeks said a drop in enrollment has caused problems with school funding.

He said the school system had over 1,200 students attending when he began at Elba, and now the number has dropped to 986 students enrolled.

"When you lose students, you lose funding," said Weeks. "We're at the point that we're going to lose some teacher units."

As superintendent of the system, he said he was forced to cut \$750,000 from the budget last year, and he is looking at another \$500,000 this year.

"We can no longer depend on state funding, and we may have to look at cutting some programs if we don't get some help," said Weeks.

Although he said the time is coming that the system may have to make some drastic changes if a solution to education funding is not found, Weeks said he is proud of the quality of education offered in the Elba School System.

"I know we are one of the top 3A schools in the state," he said. "There is nothing fancy about what we do, but we are very proud of our school and what we are doing here."

Some of the highlights he gave the Lions Club members included:

- Physical/Financial - Elba City Schools employs 125 total staff; Technology available for instruction ranked in the top 20 percent of the state; Extra curricular facilities ranked in top 10 percent of state; 60 percent of the professional staff have master's degree or above; Ranked among the top five in state (teacher/pupil ratio); 76 percent of the school systems budget is spent on instruction; Newly installed LAN linking all schools, classrooms, media centers and offices to each other and to the Internet; Approximately 150 new multimedia computers; Fully-equipped video studio at the high school; All career technical programs have achieved

### Local law enforcement agencies receive funding

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, Escambia County Sheriff's Department which will receive \$3,500, and the Crenshaw County Sheriff's Department along with the municipal police departments of Abbeville, Andalusia, Atmore, Brundidge, Dothan, Flomaton, Hartford, Laverne, Opp and Saxon which will all receive \$323 each.

"Law enforcement officers play a vital role in maintaining traffic safety," Siegelman said. "Providing law enforcement officers with additional traffic safety equipment will strengthen their ability to serve and protect citizens, and I am pleased to support their efforts."

To qualify for the grant, law enforcement agencies had to register and report their level of participation and performance in various traffic safety activities and training such as the Click It or Ticket seat belt cam-

paign and child passenger safety and crash data training programs. With the grant funds, the agencies can purchase equipment such as flashlights, in-car video cameras, alcohol detection sensory and radar units that will enhance their traffic safety efforts.

The goal of the law enforcement incentive program is to increase participation by law enforcement agencies in safety programs, improve the public's safety belt and child restraint compliance and ultimately reduce fatalities and injuries caused by traffic accidents.

Siegelman awarded the grant from funds available to the state through a program of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. He has designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to administer the grant.

### U.S. Senator Richard Shelby set to visit Elba on Monday, Jan. 21

U.S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.) will address residents of Coffee County at an open county meeting on Monday, Jan. 21, at 4:30 p.m. at The National Security Conference Center, 661 East Davis Street, in Elba.

Sen. Shelby will address his legislative agenda for the remainder of the 107th Congress as well as important issues facing the nation and the State of Alabama.

Following his remarks, Sen. Shelby will open the floor to questions and comments from those in attendance. Sen. Shelby said, "Over the

years, these county meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for area residents to listen and voice their opinions on the activities of our government. This will be a great chance to discuss the important issues facing our state and our nation as we move forward in the Congressional session."

Sen. Shelby has held over 1,000 county meetings since being elected to serve the State of Alabama. As part of a commitment to Alabamians, Sen. Shelby holds a county meeting in each county once a year.



Sen. Richard Shelby

## Area Happenings

**HOLIDAY CLOSING** The City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 8 a.m. There will be standby crews for any emergency with water, electric, street or sewer. To report an emergency call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage will run as scheduled.

**NEW BROCKTON HOLIDAY EVENTS** The Town of New Brockton offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The Martin Luther King Jr. Walk will begin at 9 a.m. at the old bus stop and continue through town to Springfield Baptist Church where activities will be held throughout the day.

**BOOK DRIVE** The local girl scouts community is currently conducting a book drive to benefit the library programs of at-risk schools. Books are being accepted for elementary and high school reading levels, and collection points are the Elba United Methodist Church and ZC Express. The book drive will continue through March.



Dr. M.V. Miles, Danny Weeks and Richard Girdner

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